



New Jersey Department of Children and Families Policy Manual

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§10:129-5.3 Response by prosecutors

(a) In order to facilitate communication with the Department and coordinate handling of abuse and neglect cases, each county prosecutor will designate an assistant prosecutor to serve as liaison to the Department's local office for such cases. The person so designated will be responsible for keeping the Department informed as to the course of action taken by the prosecutor. In addition, and to the extent practicable, each prosecutor will delegate to one or several investigators responsibility for conducting all investigations in abuse and neglect cases.

(b) The supervising detective of the county prosecutor's office shall determine if law enforcement will be involved in the investigation and shall notify a Department representative. The prosecutor may take various courses of action upon receipt of a referral, among them, the following:

1. Advise the Department staff member making the referral that the prosecutor will not undertake an investigation and request that the

prosecutor be advised immediately of any indication of further or
continuing abuse or neglect; or

2. With advance notice to the Department, undertake an